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- 1. On 22 May 1949 the Association des Amis de l'U.R.S.S. in Algiers sponsored a meeting for sympathizers and members at the Splendid Cinema. About 600 persons were present. Among the speakers were Henri Fabre, Secretary of the Association. Moussa Brahim, Secretary of the Union des Syndicats Confederes, and Coussad (fnu), member of the Association des Combattants Algeriens pour la Paix et la Liberte.
- The occasion for the meeting was the fourth anniversary of V-E Day. The speakers worked over the familiar themes: the preponderant role played by Russia in defeating Germany, the great destruction and loss of life suffered by Russia during the war, the vast reduction in the military budget of the Soviet Union since the war. Fabre pointed out that the U.S. desires war and is preparing for it by making such alliances as the Atlantic Pact and establishing military bases abroad. Another speaker stated that the American materiel sent to the Soviet Union during the war arrived too late and in too small quantity to be of any real help. Another said that in Algiers there is a small group of anti-Soviet Russians, led by Leon Dolgouchine, who are collaborating with the Americans.
- 3. Pavel Kostiaguine, Soviet Vice Consul and intelligence head in Algeria, was present at this meeting.



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